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The President and Trusts.

Representative Clayton of Alabama is feeling good over the prospects of the democracy on the trust question. He tells a Story.

"Every time President Roosevelt delivers himself on the trust question he does two things. He makes democratic votes, and he lessens his own chances of being nominated. It might be said that he is also doing another thing by his trust campaign—he is undoubtedly making a division in the ranks of his party."

"Those who listen to the President's trust doctrines know that they are represented in party politics only by democrats. He is plugging his campaign and not waiting for him to stop. When he gets the people educated and aroused to the necessity of action by Congress on this question, a thing which not only he but the democratic party is doing, these same people will have also come to realize that the democratic party is the only hope they have for the accomplishment of this purpose."

Mr. Clayton is on a stump tour and talks in the stumping vein. The stumper must do all things be confident. He must see things as coming his way. The "boys" are waiting for a pleasant message, and it is his mission to carry it to them. He must stir them up; must make them feel that their opposition is dead wrong. But that is just a part of the stumping. The stumper has his uses, but they are rarely those of a reasoner.

When his stumping tour is over Mr. Clayton will be able to see two things. The first thing is that Mr. Roosevelt is not infusing his chances for nomination at all by anything he is saying on the trust question. To the extent that his deliverances are welcome in real trust circles he will profit if the actual facts are spread before the people. If his chances were slender he could afford to speak twice on the subject to where he is now speaking once. But as matters stand today he has no competitor for his party's presidential nomination two years hence. The trusts have not made him, and they cannot break him. He is his party's leader by a far higher than theirs.

The second thing Mr. Clayton will discover is that voters of the democratic party are weighing both parties in the balance on the trust question. The republican policy as suggested seems sound. It is believed that the present anti-trust law is inadequate, and that in some manner it should be strengthened. A constitutional amendment is proposed, but that calls for time, not to mention the other difficulties in the way. The only democratic policy suggested is the putting of trust-made articles on the free list, and that is simply a thinly disguised form of striking at protection as the national policy. Now is it at all likely that the people are ready to give up protection as a policy? Are not its benefits too conspicuously in evidence just now to make any such proposition acceptable? Trusts cannot, successfully, be made a stalking horse for free trade.

The Cuban Bond Issue.

The passage of the loan bill by the Cuban house of representatives advances that problem one step nearer to a solution. It will not necessarily lead to a complicated situation. The United States has of course an interest in the affair, and is watching it with extreme care. It is not inclined to see Cuba deliberately load herself down with debt at the outset of her independent career, but can not with a clear conscience say at this stage that the government shall not issue bonds. The United States has itself neglected one of its most urgent duties in connection with Cuba and has thereby made it difficult for the island to pay its way, and thus has led to the necessity for a bond issue. At the same time the neglect of the United States to provide a market for Cuba's wares has curtailed the insular revenues to the point where they will not suffice to meet the interest and sinking fund obligations imposed by the maximum of the proposed bond issue. Morally the United States has weakened its self-declared right to prevent an issue of bonds. Practically the case will doubtless work itself out without precipitating any crisis.

President Palma has already expressed his judgment that Cuba should not hastily go into debt. He believes that the bulk of the proposed loan should be for the payment of the army of liberation, and the postponed for a season. If this be done there need be no difficulty. Cuba can presumably take care of a four or five million dollar loan, to foster the agricultural interests of the island during the temporary depression. The bill passed by the house proposes such an issue at once, with others to the extent in all of \$25,000,000. Following such an executive decree it is wise to emit them. Thus even should the measure become a law at once there is little likelihood of its leading to difficulty before the American Congress meets in December.

First of all, Cuba must float the loan, and if any question exists anywhere as to her ability to care for it properly Wall Street will feel that sentiment most strongly. If there is such doubt the loan will not be floated. Therein lies the surest safeguard against a complication necessitating the active intervention of this government. But the best way out of the difficulty will be for the United States to perform its own "plain duty" in the premises as soon as time will permit and thus clear its slights of all responsibility for the Cuban financial emergency calling for a heavy loan.

There is probably no enterprise requiring capital, scientific, industrial or philanthropic, to which John D. Rockefeller has not been cordially invited to contribute.

The Southern Situation.

Mr. Hanna promptly puts a quietus on that silly yarn about an early conference between the President and himself on the subject of politics in the south. Why should they be discussing that subject at this time? There is nothing new in the southern situation, unless it be the nomination of a few republican candidates for Congress at the President's instance, and that means nothing but an exposure of how idle the twaddle of machine politicians at that quarter has been about negro domination. The negro is no longer a factor in politics in the south, but his elimination means no break in democratic supremacy there. Things will go on as before. The democrats will continue to elect their state tickets, and to send delegations of their own choosing to Congress. What can either the President or Mr. Hanna do about that? Absolutely nothing. Until the republican party makes an issue of constitutional representation in Congress and in the electoral college the power which the south now wields in our national affairs will be safe.

Testimony from the best accredited democratic sources is all to the same effect as to the situation in the south. Mr. Broussard has spoken for Louisiana. Mr. Hay has spoken for Virginia. Senator Simmons has just spoken for North Carolina. Alabama in her primaries has just gone on record. Senator Jones of Arkansas, in an interview, replies as follows to the inquiry as to the effect of the elimination of the negro vote:

"It will, unquestionably, lead to the affiliation with the republican party of some white men who have hitherto been democrats upon the race question. I do not, however, look for any radical change for some time to come, because the physical presence of the negroes will continue to keep the white men politically solid, even though the negro does not vote. The republicans will make the most of the elimination of the negro by appealing to the selfish instincts of the south in regard to the protective tariff. There are some white democrats in the south who have also become protectionists because they think that system will benefit them, but the great rank and file of the southern people will not be caught by such doctrines. There will be no change in the white vote, and not enough for some time to come, in my judgment, to result in any marked change in political conditions in the south."

We may go to Arkansas for still stronger testimony than this as to the unshaken state of the democracy there. In what state where political divisions exist and the party tag is not supreme could such a man as Mr. Davis be elected governor? What party would have dared to put up and support a candidate whose personal record showed such besmirchment at the hands of a respected religious body? Mr. Davis had but to secure his party's nomination, and party prejudice did the rest with ease. He cost no vote as the result of his expulsion from his church affiliations on charges of alleged drunkenness and gambling.

No, there is no reason why the President should want to discuss the southern situation with any outsider, and but little reason why he should want to discuss it with southern men themselves. The November polling in its general result will tell the same old tale.

The Suburban Grade Crossing.

The grade crossing at which Major O'Driscoll was killed by a train the other day is absolutely unguarded. The electric bells which ring when a train is approaching cannot be considered as a sufficient safeguard. Again and again have these devices failed to insure against accidents. It has been shown by repeated disasters that the sound of the bell may be inaudible to a person driving in a carriage, being drowned by the noise of the wheels or muffled by the wind. Furthermore, this device makes no provision for the deaf, and, finally, it may fail to work owing to some derangement of the apparatus.

It is not enough merely to notify the public that a train is approaching. The railroad should have an open space and employ a most dangerous agency. At all points where the public, in its ordinary course of traffic, must gain access to the tracks the railroad should provide a suitable barrier to be lowered whenever a train approaches, so that a person cannot reach the rails without deliberately forcing a passage, thus assuming all the risk of crossing. The burden of responsibility in the absence of gates is upon the railroad company, not upon the individual, whose right to the highway cannot thus be infringed without provision for assured safety.

abundance of orators. They are almost like the poor, in that we have them with us so much. It is a relief therefore to listen occasionally to a man speaking from a high place who uses plain United States and dispenses with the parade of practiced gestures. The President's manners are likewise unostentatious, and this contributes to his popularity. For a man who was supposed to know nothing about politics he seems to be making fair progress.

Mr. Thomas Lipton is willing to give some other man a chance to compete for the America's cup, if he thinks he can produce a yacht that will win. This is an attitude which Mr. Lawson of Boston may have some difficulty in understanding.

A whistler has been engaged to assist in the music of a Chicago church. This fact does not constitute any apology for the man who tries to transform himself into a piccolo during business hours.

King Edward recently visited Mr. Carnegie. The king does not care very much for books, but the conversation on golf was no doubt quite animated.

President Mitchell declines to accept Senator Platt's proposition that the coal strike is to end soon until the verification arrives.

President Roosevelt has been made to realize that the South is very far from entertaining any personal prejudice toward him.

Any ambitious Haiti may have entertained of being an international trouble-promoter must now be recognized as vain.

Every now and then a new germ is discovered, but the difficulty of annihilating him persists.

SHOOTING STARS.

Proud of It.
"That," said Farmer Cortnessel, as he looked admiringly at his hat, "is what I call a bargain."

"It's a little battered," ventured the boarder.

"Yes. It only cost eighty cents, an' it's just as battered as an' out o' shape as if it was a genuine Panama."

Unreliability.
"I have no use for a man who does not keep his word," said Senator Sorghum.

"Have you been disappointed?"

"Yes, sir. A fellow promised he would go back on my antagonist and then didn't do it."

An Annoying Circumstance.
The crowds will greet the orator With plaudits loud and clear, But, somehow, now and then they fail To vote the way they cheer.

Traits.
"We recognize an Englishman," said the American, "by the way he drops his h's."

"Yes," answered the Englishman; "and we recognize an American by the way he lets go of his money."

Paradoxical.
"What did you do to the man who brought an automobile to Crimson Gulch?"

"Well," answered Broncho Bob, "in order to prevent loss o' life we lynched 'im."

Altruism.
It's time for gettin' busy; There's autumn in the air; The orchard is a-waitin' With the apple and the pear; We've had our share o' summer An' the rest that life demands; It's time for gettin' busy, So, let's all jine hands.

The snow will soon be driftin' An' the wind will be goin' rear; An' the wolf will come a-prowlin' Close to many a neighbor's door. All humanity is neighbors, Let us strengthen friendship's bands; It's time for gettin' busy, So, let's all jine hands.

Though cities proud are risin' While the desert disappears, This world is young; and we're new Are simply pioneers. So let's sound the note o' progress Fur our own and other lands; It's time for gettin' busy, So, let's all jine hands.

Let Birds Live.
From the Boston Herald-Tribune.
While it is true that the work of Audubon societies has resulted in convincing many good women and true that the wearing of wings is a crime against nature, and that many who have been so convinced will remain faithful to their sense of duty and decency, there are others who, though they embraced the societies' views for a season or two, are known to wear feathers and good resolutions and showing a willingness to go over to the side of the enemy once more, finally, appeals to their sentiments and higher nature for bird preservation will be of no further avail. But it may stimulate them to proper outward acts in the matter of ordering their millinery if they know that the federal law has been invoked and is now at work in a gentle but firm way as the friend of the birds.

The Monroe Doctrine.
From the New York Tribune.
The Monroe doctrine is not a bankruptcy act for the benefit of delinquent debtors. It does not say that European rights in the Americas shall not be respected, or that in general, upon the whole, the commerce of Europe powers shall not pollute the territories of American States, nor oppress them, nor control their political destinies.

Discipline for Haytians.
From the Philadelphia Ledger.
The shots fired at the Haytian gunboat Crete-a-Pierrot by the German gunboat Panther, although the Haytian vessel was on fire and about to sink, were intended to impress the fact upon the Haytian revolutionists and their like that their semi-practical antics with their commerce of foreign nations will meet with swift and strong punishment.

The German Way in Haiti.
From the Philadelphia Press.
The German government has taken an unusual and drastic course in sinking the Haytian "revolutionary" steamer Crete-a-Pierrot, after having seized the cargo of the German steamer Markomania, but the general verdict will approve.

Trusts.
From the New York Herald.
The great mass of the intelligent American people are in hearty agreement with the President's advice to avoid rash action which might injure legitimate interests, but to proceed cautiously, intelligently and surely in eliminating the trust evil. A few first steps should be easy of accomplishment. Enforced publicity of every trust's affairs, because investors in inflated trust securities have thus far suffered greater losses than have the consumers of trust products.

Aid for Ex-Confederates.
From the New York Mail and Express.
There have been reunions, spectacular and sentimental, of the blue and the gray, in the north and the south. Veterans who fought for the Union have been entertained by veterans who fought for its destruction. The men who survived the conflict have clasped hands on the field of Gettysburg with those who repudiated the supreme effort of southern independence. These meetings of men who can best appreciate and respect their mutual valor are now frequent in the United States, and are but worthy of a general response.

Fame!
From the Indianapolis News.
Mr. Boies may run against Speaker Henderson in the third congressional district of Iowa. Boies-Boies-let's see, that name sounds familiar.

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